

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 151

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the leaders and members of the Moccasin Bend Council of the Girl Scouts of America upon their 50th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those exemplary organizations that educate, enrich, and serve the citizens of this great State, especially our youth; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts of America is one such estimable organization, which provides girls and young women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the Moccasin Bend Council of the Girl Scouts of America marked its 50th anniversary on March 12, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting began in Chattanooga in 1919; the Chattanooga Council was chartered in 1926, and merged with the Cleveland Council of Girl Scouts in 1957, to become the Moccasin Bend Council; and

WHEREAS, the Moccasin Bend Council now serves more than 6,500 Scouts and 1,400 adult volunteers in fifteen counties across Southeast Tennessee and North Georgia; and

WHEREAS, scouting organizations in the State of Tennessee have established an outstanding record of building character among our youth; their numerous activities provide a safe harbor for young people to gather together in friendship and expand their skills and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, while today's Girl Scouts learn traditional domestic skills such as sewing, their badges now also reflect broader interests, such as the environment, media, computer technology, emergency preparedness, and astronomy; and

WHEREAS, at a time when the youth of our country face tremendous challenges, the Girl Scouts of America is one of this Nation's greatest assets; and

WHEREAS, the Moccasin Bend Council truly exemplifies the Girl Scouts of America's noble Mission Statement, that "Girl Scouting builds girls of confidence, courage, and character, who make the world a better place."; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this legislative body should pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the members and leaders of the Moccasin Bend Council of the Girl Scouts of America for their remarkable service to the young women of Tennessee and the United States of America; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the Moccasin Bend Council of the Girl Scouts of America on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, commend its leaders and members for their hard work and dedication on behalf of this Nation's and this State's youth, and express our collective gratitude for their meritorious service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.